

AGENDA
FRIEND OF THE COURT BUREAU
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Friday, November 20, 2009, 1:00 pm

Michigan Hall of Justice
925 W. Ottawa St. – 1st Floor
Lansing, Michigan

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Administrative Matters**
 - a. Approve minutes from May 8, 2009
- 3. Public Comment**
- 4. Correspondence – Since May 8, 2008**
 - a. June 30, 2009: Case-specific regarding multiple issues
 - b. July 27, 2009: Access to courts question regarding interstate transfer
 - c. August 8, 2009: Case specific regarding lack of collections
 - d. September 25, 2009: Case specific regarding 65% withholding threshold
 - e. October 19, 2009: Request to speak on enforcement against GM Retirees
- 5. Old Business**
 - a. Update on SCAO work related to recommendation from May 9, 2008, FOCB Advisory Committee regarding “Encourage Attendance at divorce orientation program.”
 - i. Activities on hold due to lack of funding
- 6. New Business**
 - a. Continue discussion on domestic relations proposals
 - i. FOCB is seeking input from FOCB Advisory Committee on various proposals the Court has received from various sources
 - ii. Each topic is expected to result in recommendations delivered to the FOCB after the advisory committee has reached consensus. The committee may come to consensus within a single discussion, or the discussion may span several meetings.
 - iii. Today’s discussion will seek the committee member’s opinions on **“Allow the court to sanction a party who violates a restraining order by awarding attorney fees or assessing a fine.”**¹
- 7. Closing**
 - a. Members Closing Comments
 - b. Final Public Comment
 - c. Adjourn

¹ Some courts would like to sanction or fine parties who violate restraining orders. A court may only impose costs and sanctions that are permitted by statute. Should there be special sanctions for violation of orders permitted under some of the proposals? To whom would they be paid (library, court fund, counseling fund)? How much? Should they be mandatory or discretionary?